

First Annual Cowboys' General Round-up, October 3d, 4th and 5th--\$2500.00 in Cash Prizes

DEMOCRATS ORGANIZE A WILSON-MARSHALL CLUB IN TUCUMCARI

A number of the faithful gathered at the Court House Monday night in response to an invitation from County Chairman John Briscoe, to organize a Wilson-Marshall Club in Quay county. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Briscoe and temporary chairman and secretary chosen, C. H. Alldredge and James Briscoe, respectively.

Mr. Alldredge in a short address eulogizing President Wilson and Gov. McDonald told of the splendid achievements and progressive measures challenged by these fearless leaders. He then told of the purpose of the meeting and asked for harmony of all factions in behalf of Democracy. It was then suggested that he appoint committee on organization and one on constitution and by-laws, which he did as follows:

Constitution and By-Laws—D. J. Finegan, Felipe Sanchez y Baca, and C. C. Davidson.

Permanent Organization—A. E. Billingsly, C. E. Hunter and Ira E. Furr. These committees will report next meeting night which will be Monday, Sept. 25.

C. C. Davidson was called upon to make a speech. He reciprocated by telling of his experiences while visiting in Colorado and other points, from where he had just returned. He said he felt very much encouraged at what he heard during his trip. Traveling men who were formerly for Hughes told him that Wilson was good enough for them and they found the majority of the United States of the same opinion. He said the majority of the women of Colorado were for Wilson, that he heard from good authority that the women of California, to gether with the progressive republicans of that state, are going to support Mr. Wilson. He also said that the moneyed interests of the country are going to put up more coin this year to elect Hughes than Mark Hanna did to elect McKinley. That this campaign would be capital vs. labor, or bribery and intimidation vs. honesty of purpose.

Mr. Davidson said the State campaign would be close and the almighty dollar would be very much in evidence. He believes the Republicans will spend hundreds of dollars to gain control of state affairs, that all the requirements made of men for governor or other offices are that they have a big fat pocketbook and will donate liberally to the campaign fund. Brains are not necessary. Until recently the older states were up against this same proposition in the selection of U. S. senators, but now since they are chosen by popular vote the people have a right to choose a man we may well feel proud of and A. A. Jones bears a reputation of being the biggest man in the state.

The purpose of the Wilson-Marshall Club is to see that every vote in the county is registered on Nov. 7. A citizen who will not use his right of suffrage is not worthy of being called an American. He should be ruled with the rod of iron for a period long enough to make him appreciate his privileges and opportunities as an American citizen.

Senator Caliseh was the next speaker. He dealt mostly on state and national issues, but plead with the democrats to make the Wilson-Marshall Club worthy of the name, a live-wire organization, working for a total vote of the county. Don't let any man remain at home as Wilson's re-election might be accomplished by only a few votes from New Mexico.

C. E. Hunter, defeated candidate for the nomination for probate judge, addressed the meeting and pledged his support to those chosen as standard-bearers of the Democratic party. He said he was not born a democrat but acquired his belief through study and experience. He said he believed in submission to the majority—providing the majority is democratic. He was interrogated by Mr. Kilgore, another defeated candidate, and he answered every question like a professional and sprang comical illustrations to make his meanings clear.

Felipe Sanchez y Baca, a resident at present of this county but a voter in Gaudalupe county, which is normally republican, gave a few illustrations of how to roll up a big majority for the democrats in Quay county. He said down in his county, if there were a number of the voters away on a vacation in the cotton fields of Texas, or had died recently, the judges of that precinct were given the right to vote them for the republican party, without a written proxy. That if they thought the state candidates needed a few more votes they had a right to cast them for them and charge them

to voters who lived in other states and were to move here within the next two years. Continuing he said that Quay county had a right to do the same thing. If it was right for the republicans to vote dead ones, it was right for the democrats. Mr. Sanchez' recommendations were somewhat on the burlesque order, but he was talking in plain English and there is no doubt about some of these methods being used in districts of solid political faith.

After taking up matters of minor importance a motion to adjourn was in order. The date of the next meeting was set for next Monday night at 8:00 o'clock when a large crowd is expected to be in attendance as matters of importance will be taken up.

IT SURE RAINED

Talk about it rainin' in New Mexico, but Monday afternoon about four o'clock it sure did rain. The main streets looked like rivers and Gaynell street was about bank full. While it will not do much good for crops because it is only reached a mile or so each direction from town, it was sure needed on the streets and the recently graded fair grounds. Now if the weather will remain until the Cowboys' Roundup, October 3, 4, and 5, Tucumcari will be an ideal place to spend a few days where you can witness wild west stunts performed by the best men and horses obtainable. The rain was a welcome visitor Monday, now every citizen should prepare to welcome the big crowd of visitors that will be here at the Roundup.

3,000 BUSHELS OF WHEAT MARKETING IN TUCUM THIS WEEK

Tucumcari is getting to be somewhat of a wheat market. Last week about 41 loads were marketed here from the plains, but this week the total number of loads amounts to 61. Better than three thousand bushels were sold to the Light Elevator and the farmers received \$4,300 in cash for their product. Many of the farmers bought new machinery, groceries and dry goods and a goodly sum was left in Tucumcari.

Friday

Those bringing in wheat this week were E. R. Cox three loads; J. W. Kelsey, W. C. Montgomery 2; J. G. Wattenbarger 2; T. E. Hardin, S. A. Wells 2; Ellick Smith 2; N. L. Caton and D. C. Brown.

Saturday

D. D. Branson, T. F. Brown, J. A. Woodward, A. L. Law, John Brewer 2, Will Owen, W. E. Kirk 2; O. W. Newton, S. F. GGreen 2; J. H. Gray.

Sunday

Ky E. Drake 4; S. R. Weeks, W. J. Gregg 2, Wm. Young, W. H. Green and S. L. Disney.

Tuesday

E. B. Sprinkle, J. J. Mordick, G. E. McDonald, C. L. Hendrickson, A. J. Green, J. W. Langford, F. V. Rudd, E. O. Akin 2, J. W. Akin, and W. W. Childers.

Wednesday

S. A. Wells, Joe M. Wells, H. C. Greer 2; G. C. Huntley, J. H. Gray, P. A. Steffan 2; I. R. Choat 2; J. H. Jester and J. R. Marsh.

The price paid for wheat during the past few days was \$1.40. Mr. Higday has two cars ready for shipment, but as the market was off this week the best offer he had was \$1.40 F. O. B. Tucumcari. As he paid as high as \$1.45 for some of the wheat he could not turn it loose at that figure. If the elevator was finished they could hold the wheat for the advance price.

CUT YOUR WEEDS

An effort is being made to have every citizen who believes in civic pride, to cut his weeds or have some person cut them before the Roundup. Some of the wild steers or horses might get out of the fair grounds and hide in front of your residence among the weeds—making it dangerous. Don't wait for frost to loosen the thistles and turn them loose on your neighbor, but follow the golden rule, Do unto others as you would have others do unto you. Cleanliness is next to Godliness. Perhaps the city authorities will find enough money to pay for grading the streets, which need it in all parts of town.

DEVELOPMENT OF THE

"STAKED" PLAINS COUNTRY

Ten years ago one could go from Tucumcari south to the cap-rock, distant twenty-five miles along a crooked trail. Perhaps there were at that time three small houses to be seen in the distance. After making the ascent of about seven hundred feet in elevation from the valley to the upper edge of the cap-rock along a tortuous and steep trail, there opens before you, far and wide, the Plains country.

It was known to all students of Mitchell's geography as the Staked Plains. One could drive fifty miles in almost any direction and not be able to discern anything on the horizon. How truly gratifying it is today to return to that same locality and observe vast changes in material wealth and personal comfort.

Highways are opened on section lines, fenced and traveled. Perhaps there is not a section of land in fifty miles drive that is now without a tenant or improvements.

There is never an hour that you do not meet a number of farm wagons on the road to the market, and automobiles touring to and fro to call on a neighbor for business or pleasure, or some one speeding from Boston or New York to San Francisco.

No one may despair for want of good water to drink, or for his auto supplies. There is a wealth of hospitality among this people and toward strangers, which is not dissembled.

In some instances I tarry to note the equipment on the farm, the number of horses and cattle, and the quality; also the farm machinery, plows, drills, cultivators, headers, barges, wheat-binders, corn-binders, etc., and found in some instances they equaled the average kept on a North Dakota farm.

However, they have silos, dipping vats, reservoirs, and more cattle than is usually kept on a Dakota farm. Let me call attention to the eight years in which the plains country has accomplished so much. At times they were threatened with drought.

In some instances I observe stacks of feed that have weathered until one might believe them spoiled. They have been kept two and three years in reserve. Should they be required, in passing through a drought, they would only require a small amount of the exterior to be trimmed off as waste.

I was again reminded of the social functions given by the northern people. With their numerous and immense groves on every section of land that are now 25 or 30 years old; with towns and cities within an hours drive; with High School students throughout the country and towns, the June festivals are well attended and a good program rendered each week until harvest begins. Already the June festival on the plains attracts crowds of people. The plains country is growing. The rural delivery of mail is increasing and one observes a group of mail boxes on the road crossings. Wherever there is necessity for a public school they are building a new house or enlarging the old one to meet the increasing needs.

There are three central telephone centers established with which every house on the plains may soon establish connection with every other house, and thus contribute to personal comfort.

Here is a point of agreement. In constructing a new house on the plains there is no evidence of either rivalry or supremacy in plan or expense. Every house was built on a basis of economy and necessity. Very soon there will be a building boom of modern cottages and bungalows. The material will be stone and cement. The present owner of the land will be the owner when the house is finished—his if he don't run for—office.

I have alluded to roads on the section lines, every where on the plains. I will be pardoned for alluding to Dakota again. A coulee in that country signifies a grassy ravine, similar to the grassy ravine on the plains country in Quay county, N. M. On every section line the road is graded, culverts built at all depressions, and a small bridge across the main coulees. The law requires each owner of land to mow in the autumn and burn the weeds on the roadside joining his land. Every mile of road must be inspected and where necessary worked smooth with a grader.

If a proper accounting of the public money could be made and published and the unpaid road bills be paid and audited, it would inspire confidence to continue road building in Quay county wherever roads are necessary.

D. J. ABER

WILL MR. E. C. DE BACA WIN?

Las Cruces, N. M., Sept. 11, 1916. To Publisher of La Voz del Pueblo:—

As a good democrat, I offer to bet Five Thousand Dollars that Mr. E. C. De Baca will be elected in the State of New Mexico.

If some republican has any money to bet, I am ready for action.

Address all correspondence to me at Las Cruces, New Mexico.

A. G. GONZALES.

SPECIAL EVENTS BEST TALENT IN U. S. TO BE HERE

Some of the best bronco riders in the world will enter the contests in the First Annual Cowboys' Roundup to be held in Tucumcari, October 3, 4, 5. The executive committee has arranged an additional event, to be known as a Ladies' Bronco Riding contest, with a purse of \$100.00.

Prairie Lillie Allen has wired that she will come and enter this contest. She recently won the world's championship title for lady bronco riders in New York City in the Stampede, and Sept. 7th, of this year, won the South-western championship at Garden City, Kansas. Her husband, Slim Allen, also, will be here. He is famous as a bronco rider, fancy roper, and steer bull-dogger.

Thad Phippen, who broke the world's record five seconds in the relay race at Las Vegas will enter the Relay race in Tucumcari. His time at Las Vegas was two miles in four minutes, five seconds. A contract has been closed with "Bugger-Red" to bull-dog steers each day from the hood of an automobile. Bugger-Red is well known all over Cowboy Land as an expert rider, roper and bull-dogger. Texas Jack, another famous bronco buster, has sent word that he will be here.

The Amarillo Concert Band has been engaged to furnish the music during the Roundup and those who are in a position to have knowledge, state that these musicians are certainly there with all of the latest popular music, love stuff, and rag time, and also know how to handle classical music. They will play a concert on the streets in the morning, and play all afternoon on the grounds during the contests. The portable band stand will be moved to the center of the city and a concert will be played at Second and Main each evening at eight o'clock.

Arrangements are being made for a boxing contest to be held in the opera house the evening of October 4th. Efforts are being made to match Tommy Livingston of El Paso, with Frank Gonzales, of Denver, in a ten round exhibition, and if these men are not secured some other good men will be obtained.

A first-class carnival has also been booked, so there will be something doing all the time in Tucumcari at the Roundup, October 3, 4, 5.

PARENT-TEACHER ASSOC'N

The Parent-Teacher Association, formerly the Mothers' Club, will hold its first regular monthly meeting in the High School auditorium on Friday evening, September 22. A special invitation is extended to all parents and other friends of education to be present. In past years the men of the community were not able to participate in the activity of the association because all meetings were held in the afternoon. By holding half of the present year's meetings in the evening, it is hoped that many men will avail themselves of the opportunity to be present. Help make our first meeting a good one.

The following program will be rendered:

Music—Junior High School Orches. Parent-Teacher Assoc'n in New Mexico—Mrs. R. P. Donohoo. Selected Readings—Miss Johnson. Head Dept. Expression H. S. Vocal Solo—Mrs. Finegan. Round-Table—Our Parent-Teacher Associations' Leader Mrs. Hinds Social Hour.

U. S. DISTRICT JUDGE

WILLIAM H. POPE DEAD

William H. Pope, for the past four years U. S. district judge of New Mexico and formerly associate and chief justice of the Territorial supreme court, died of pernicious anemia at 3:30 o'clock Thursday morning, in Atlanta, Ga., where he had been staying since the latter part of June. He was 46 years of age.

The funeral was held in Santa Fe, Sunday and every section of the state was represented. Flowers rare and sweet-scented in almost measureless profusion attested how near to the hearts of many the eminent jurist had come. In harmony with the simplicity of his life and conduct there was no ostentation in the funeral ceremonies.

TUCUMCARI TO HAVE A REAL BASKETBALL TEAM

Kenneth Chorley (Big Charley) reports the fact that Tucumcari will have a sure enough basketball team this season and practice has already begun. Several players are getting in trim to try for the team. Mr. Chorley says he wants the best in town, so if you have talent see him and let him put you on his list of possibilities. This is no family affair. The best by test will become a regular.

FAMILY TROUBLES HEARD

BY JUDGE McELROY MONDAY

Justice McElroy's court was busy Monday afternoon when a Spanish girl was brought before the judge to answer to a charge of striking another Spanish lady during a dance Saturday night. It was evidently a case of jealousy on the girl's part and the Judge released her after obtaining the promise that she would not do it again.

Later a case was heard wherein a mother, who lives at Mosquero, was trying to force her 14-year-old daughter to return home. The girl was small for one of her age but she did not desire to return home as she said the surroundings were undesirable. The mother employed an attorney to assist her in recovering the services of the child, but Judge McElroy, in accordance with his viewpoint of the situation was obliged to withhold permanent decision until other matters were carefully looked into.

MRS. I. C. BARNES DIES

Mrs. I. C. Barnes, who was stricken with paralysis several months ago and has been an invalid ever since, died Monday at the family residence near the High School.

The remains were shipped to Iowa where she formerly lived and where her people now reside. Mr. Barnes accompanied the body and will remain there a short time before returning to Tucumcari. He is as yet undecided whether he will remain a resident of Tucumcari or not.

Mrs. Barnes is one of the first ladies of Tucumcari. She together with her husband, owned considerable of the land on which Tucumcari now stands, and she always liked to live here. She was stricken with paralysis several times and partially rallied each time but of late she had been confined to her home and was not strong enough to be taken out in the auto. Her husband sold the store so that he could always be near her and administer to her wants, which he did both night and day until the end came.

Their many friends join the News in extending sympathy to the bereaved husband.

JUDGE McELROY IS STRICKEN WITH APPO- PLEXY--WILL RECOVER

Judge S. H. McElroy was stricken with apoplexy Tuesday and his condition has been rather critical. He is partially paralyzed, his right arm and leg being useless.

Mr. McElroy arose Tuesday morning at his usual early hour and proceeded to do the work around the house when he felt somewhat queer, his right leg became numb and he went to his bed-room and sat on the bed. His condition gradually grew worse and he was forced to lie down. A physician was summoned and all the assistance possible was administered. Wednesday night he was some better and hopes are now ascertained for his recovery.

Judge McElroy is held in high esteem by every citizen of Tucumcari and it is the sincere desire of all that he will fully recover from this severe attack.

TAX MEETING, SEPT. 28-29

Santa Fe, N. M., Sept. 18.—Letters and requests for information coming to Director A. E. James of the Tax-payers' Association of New Mexico indicate that there will be a large attendance at the annual meeting of the Association in Albuquerque Sept. 28 and 29, Thursday and Friday of State Fair week. The meeting is to be held in the High School auditorium and the sessions will be in the mornings only, leaving the afternoons for members to meet and consult with the officers of the association or to attend the state fair attractions as they may desire.

The program will include the annual report of Director James, a summary of which will be printed in the forthcoming September number of the Tax Review, out September 22nd.

HARD WORK COUNTS

If hard work counts—and it does—the Rally Day being planned at the Christian church for next Sunday, should prove to be an occasion in the church life. Perhaps we should say in the Bible school life for the rally is being conducted under its auspices. Numerous invitations are being given to friends of the church and a program committee is faithfully drilling the children. The old "admonition" to "come early" to get a good seat, or, indeed, any seat at all, is freely given, so workers themselves must be anticipating a record-breaking crowd. This means that the public shall have to prize open its eyelids, break its fast, and do "primping" early to arrive by 9:45 Sunday morning.

CONTRACT LET FOR \$41,900.00 TO MR. ROGERS

The contract for the erection of the school buildings in Tucumcari was let last week to Contractor Rogers of Texas. His bid was several thousand dollars under the next lowest and as soon as the funds arrive in exchange for the bonds Mr. Rogers will start work, perhaps on the grade building in the east part of town. It will contain eight rooms and will be constructed of rock. A local man will oversee the work and the contract must be followed. This will give Tucumcari two excellent buildings. Six other contractors submitted bids but they were \$8,000 to \$15,000 higher than Mr. Rogers. He has recently completed buildings in Texas which were similar to these and feels sure there will be nothing in the way to complete them within a few months exactly according to specifications.

The schools are crowded to overflowing with students now and if it were not for scarcity of houses in the city, there would hardly be standing room in some of the grades. The real estate men turn away prospective citizens every day. It is necessary for them to hunt other towns in which to live and school their children. This situation will not continue long as good houses are always in demand and bring good rents, thus an investment in cottages, bungalows or modern residents will be valuable to those who have the money with which to make the investment.

There is no city anywhere that has more desirable building lots for sale. To the south, east and west there are lots that can be bought reasonable enough to allow a person with a small amount of cash to build a home. The Tucumcari Lumber Yard is in a position to sell the lumber on payments or build the houses and sell the property on payments. If you have made up your mind to become a permanent resident of Tucumcari, why not buy a lot and build a house to suit your family needs. Leave the "for rent" houses to those who are new and not yet decided as to what and where they will do and reside. Tucumcari has withstood this dry summer without much hardship on the part of anyone, so the day of experiment is passed. Now that we are to have a fine eight-room school building in the east part of town and a splendid new High School building, equipped with auditorium, gym, and modern throughout, what more could we desire? Some prophesy that the commencement of the erection of the school buildings will start a much-needed boom in the construction of modern cottages and bungalows.

PLAINS CASE HEARD BE-

FORE ATTY R. A. PRENTICE

The well-digging case of Cox vs. Hardin, involving about \$65.00 difference, was heard before R. A. Prentice, referee, Saturday in Tucumcari. A number of witnesses brought in wheat and spent the day in Tucumcari, both sides being well represented. The defence was handled by Harry H. McElroy and J. D. Cudip represented the plaintiff.

Mr. Prentice heard the case and took testimony which will be sent to Judge Lieb for settlement. The costs to either side will exceed the amount sued for, but there is always some satisfaction in winning a law-suit, if it is not profitable.

WILL TEACH SPANISH

Miss Aurora R. Lucero, head of the Department of Spanish in the Tucumcari High School, has had numerous requests to organize a class in Spanish for the benefit of those who are unable to attend school regularly. A class has been organized for the benefit of the teachers in the Tucumcari schools. This class meets on Monday and Thursday evenings of each week. Miss Lucero proposes to organize a class open to all who are interested, to meet on Tuesday and Friday evenings of each week. Those who wish information regarding this class will be able to reach Miss Lucero over phone number 162 on school days, or on phone number 363 at all other times.

GETTING READY FOR COURT

E. E. Winter was in Nara Visa last week summoning the jury for district court which will convene in October. He has several boarders at the jail and he is liable to have a few more before court opens. A number are out on bond. There will be something like one hundred criminal cases on the docket this term. The present officers have been busy rounding up those charged with crookedness and are now ready for the judge and jury to do their part in proving them guilty or innocent. Two murder cases this term